and October, 1991 to the Union Government for examining the possibility of establishing an Irrigation Development Bank at the National level so as to mobilise additional resources for the irrigation sector. Alternatively, it was proposed by the Government of Karnataka that they should be permitted to float irrigation bonds. For providing financial assistance for projects, the Central Government had examined the possibility of establishing an Irrigation Finance Corporation which was not agreed to by the Planning Commission. Alternatively, a proposal was mooted to provide outlays for special plan assistance to nationally important projects for expediting their completion. However, due to resource constraints, the Planning Commission could not accept the proposal and suggested that the issue of funding for the National Projects be first discussed with the States as the overall national kitty for irrigation sector is not going to change thereby.

Agitation by workers of Food Corporation of India

@ 1643-B. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Distribution System in the country is likely to be paralysed by the agitation of the workers of the Food Corporation of India ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve the dispute and ensure proper functioning of the Public Distribution System ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unemployed miners of Kolar Gold Fields

@@ 1643-C. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of miners working in Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka have been rendered unemployed due to closer of some mines ; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to rehabilitate such workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) *So far no mine* workers have been retrenched in the mines of Bharat Gold Mines Limited at Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka.

(b) Does not arise.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

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